

## MYSTERIOUS ARREST OF YOUNG BRITON

Earl of Rosse's Heir Held  
by Chinese in Kansu

### "TRUMPED-UP CHARGE OF PETTY THEFT"

Peiping, May 2.

The Hon. Desmond Edward Parsons, brother of the Earl of Rosse, who has been arrested by the Chinese authorities in Kansu, telegraphs that he is being detained at Ansichow, in the far northwestern corner of the province, on a "trumped-up charge of petty theft." His requests for permission to leave the town have been refused.

The British Legation has asked the National Government to telegraph the Kansu authorities to allow Mr. Parsons to leave Kansu for Peiping immediately.

Mr. Parsons, who has lived in Peiping for some time, recently went on a journey into the northwest of China. He was arrested at Tunhuang, whence he was removed to Ansichow.

—Reuter.

(The Earl of Rosse, whose seat is at Birr Castle, King's County, Ireland, is one of the largest landowners in the peerage, his estates covering 28,500 acres. The Hon. Desmond Parsons, who was born in December, 1910, is the Earl's only brother and is heir presumptive to the title.)

### Nanking Officially Unaware

Nanking, May 2.

No official information has been received by the Foreign Office concerning the arrest of Mr. Parsons, it was announced here this afternoon, and it was also stated that no representations had been received from the British authorities.

The reported arrest of Mr. Parsons is being investigated by the Foreign Office.—Reuter.

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Briton Arrested In Kansu

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Heir To Earl Of Rosse

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Investigation Requested

PEIPING, May 2.

News reached Peiping to-day of the arrest  
by the Chinese authorities at Lanchow, Kansu, of Desmond  
Edward Parsons, brother and heir of the Earl of Rosse,  
one of the largest land-owners in England.

The charges against Mr. Parsons, a young  
man of 24, are not known.

It is understood that the British authorities  
have requested the Foreign Office at Nanking to investigate  
the affair and to ask for his release. This is now being  
done.

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for some time, recently went on a journey into the north-  
west of China.-REUTERS PACIFIC SERVICE.

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